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EMV CARDS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has signed by the National payment Corporation of India (NPCI) with Versatile Card Technology Private Limited and MCI Card Technology Ltd., Mengaluru for payment of charges for use of debit cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of bank charges paid to NPCI after use of debit card during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the said charges is based on amount or individual transaction, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of Europay, Mastercard and Visa (EMV) cards manufacturers outside the country along with the process of making payment to them;

(e) whether the Government has made payment to said EMV cards manufacturers in the form of bank charges, if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years along with the amount drained out of the country in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the draining of money through EMV cards?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) to (c) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has informed that there has been no such agreement in place and NPCI do not charge any card manufacturer / Personalization vendor except the Audit Certification Fee and Membership Fee.

(d) NPCI has informed that all international Chip manufacturers have facilities outside India to manufacture the complete card. All the chip modules are manufactured outside India only and all Indian manufacturers who do card manufacturing locally, import these modules and do the embedding during the card manufacturing process locally in India.

(e) and (f) Government has not made payment to Europay, Mastercard and Visa (EMV) card manufacturers. NPCI has reported that they are not paying any fee / charges to any card vendor in and outside India. Banks have commercial agreements with card manufacturers. Government has promoted issue of RuPay cards under Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana.